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United States Department of Agriculture,

2 U. S. BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY //

HENRY W. HENSHAW, Chief of Bureau.

3 Explanation of the Proposed Changes in the Regulations for the Protection of Migratory Birds //

[Effective on or about October 1, 1914.]

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
June 29, 1914.

Amendment of regulation No. 5:

Regulation No. 5 relative to shooting on the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers is suspended for the season of 1914, thus affecting hunting in certain sections of 12 States. The advisory board recommends that hunting on these rivers be permitted whenever the States prohibit the use of motor boats in hunting waterfowl. As this will require legislation by Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, and one or two other States the regulation is suspended this year in order that the States may take action, if they so desire, at the next session of their respective legislatures which meet in January, 1915.

Amendment of regulations Nos. 8 and 9 relative to waterfowl seasons:

Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma are placed together in a special group, and on account of the peculiar local conditions are given an open season equal to that of the entire United States, except two weeks at the beginning of the season enjoyed by States adjoining the Canadian boundary, and two weeks at the end of the season allowed Florida and two adjoining Southern States.

The season in Texas is opened two weeks earlier than in other Gulf States in order to permit shooting in the northern part of the State. The discrepancy in the length of the season as compared with that of other Gulf States is due to the size of the State and the difficulty of meeting conditions in all sections with one set of regulations. The proposed change will afford some shooting in northern Texas without materially changing conditions in the southern part of the State.

The changes in each State are as follows:

Connecticut.—Open season October 1–January 16. The season is made to conform with that on Long Island and New York.

District of Columbia.—Open season November 1–February 1. The season is made to conform with that in Maryland and Virginia.

Idaho.—Open season October 1–January 16. The season is changed to conform with that in Utah, Washington, and Oregon.

Kansas.—Open season September 15–February 1. The season is made uniform with that in Missouri and Oklahoma, and is longer than that in other States.

Massachusetts.—Open season October 1–January 1. The opening date of the season is made two weeks later to conform with that in Connecticut and New York.

Missouri.—Open season September 15–February 1. The season is made uniform with that in Kansas and Oklahoma. The proposed season is one month longer than that in any other States in the Union and is equal to the open season in the entire United States, with the exception of two weeks at the beginning and two weeks at the end of the season.

Nevada.—Open season October 1–January 16. The season is made two weeks later to conform with that of Utah, Idaho, and Oregon, thus making a uniform season for the Great Basin States.

New Mexico.—Open season October 1–January 16. The season is made one month later to conform more nearly with conditions in adjoining States.

New York.—Open season October 1–January 16. The season is opened two weeks later and made uniform with that on Long Island and in Pennsylvania.

Oklahoma.—Open season September 15–February 1. The season is made uniform with that in Kansas and Missouri.

Pennsylvania.—Open season October 1–January 16. The season is made uniform with that in New York and West Virginia.

Rhode Island.—Open season October 1–January 1. The opening date is made the same as that in the adjoining States of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

West Virginia.—Open season October 1–January 16. The season is made one month later to conform with that in Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

Texas.—Open season October 15–February 1. The season is opened two weeks earlier to permit shooting in the northern part of the State.



